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In a report to the US Congress on Thursday, **the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** termed India's progress in protecting the rights of minorities as mixed and placed it on the second category watch list.

While not rising to the statutory level under US law requiring designation as a 'country of particular concern', watch list countries require close monitoring due to the nature and extent of violations of religious freedom engaged in or tolerated by the governments, the report said.